Dublin, March 13. 1856

Dear Mr May — The large box and the two parcels came to hand yesterday. In the first place, there was a delay from the box not being consigned to J. R. Graves, Liverpool, which would have greatly hastened it. However, there was still a delay even after he took it in hand, and another in the Dublin delivery. When I got it, no time was lost. I have sent off the parcels for Leeds, Scotland, London, & Bristol and paid the freight for them at the parcel office within the last hour. The Leigh boxes, that will go cheapest by boat, shall be got ready today & sent on tomorrow. The boxes ~~by~~ for Liverpool & Manchester go the whole or part of the way by a son of W. P. Powell's tomorrow. I have been excessively busy and anxious within the past fortnight, or perhaps a week might have been saved — but I am sure if you knew ~~you~~ the peculiar circumstances I have had to contend with, you would excuse the delay — which I cannot think of much consequence. The bazaars are much earlier than usual this year. In sending them on, I try every contrivance to lessen the cost to you. Everything for Miss Martineau (from Mrs C.) shall go on together. The Paris parcel went in one to a friend of mine in London, who will send it on.

The cheapest way to send the things for Schoelcher, is by post – they can reach him for 1/6d ~~less~~ which is less than by regular parcel conveyance.

Do you know that on account of what you said of the prevalent feeling in your country respecting a quarrel with England, I sent your letter to Lord Carlisle (the Lord Lieutenant here) thinking that the opinion of one on whom he can rely is ~~so~~ important for our Government to learn. Nothing can be farther from the notions of the English people than a quarrel with the United States. I am satisfied that a friendly feeling is as nearly ~~so~~ universal as it's possible for a feeling to be. I sent your letter because it guaranteed its own genuineness. By sending it, I lost your mem. of the cost of the books. Parker's Portrait was a dollar – Phys. of Marriage I think 62 cents – & Miss Hunt's book, I think a dollar. Both the last are for a friend. Excuse the use I made of your letter which I may never see again – for ~~I do~~ the Earl of course don't know me, & may think me intrusive – but I think ✗ one should do what he can to promote correct knowledge on the part of Government, under such circumstances as the present. Any thing to hinder a foolish and mischievous quarrel

I observe that Joseph Barker is evidently sorry for the very unhandsome way he spoke about Stephen Foster. He can't keep his temper when his pen is in hand. I think I clearly understand Foster's objection to political establishments & the logic he used to persuade himself that they hinder the cause they meant to ~~[illegible]~~ promote. But I don't like his & Pillsbury's unmeasured, wholesale style of condemning what they do not approve & I think S. S. Foster gave Barker only provocation but not enough to justify his fierce style of attack. Barker has uncommon acquisitiveness & self esteem beside great ability — but I know that he has given a great proof for his perfection. He has given up immense influence & means of great wealth & honor for the sake of independence. I don't think you like him but I am sure you can be just & generous.

Will you ask E. L. does he recollect having heard of one R. D. W. with whom he used to exchange a letter now & then in former years. How is W. Phillips and what is he doing?

What did you think of my notice of ? Ward no 2 — & of Hon. Miss Murray? Did you see her — What does Mrs Follen think of her? — Did Garrison & Phillips meet her in Boston. Is she not odious?

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I had the pleasure of a letter from
A. W. Weston from London — & by her
desire sent ~~the~~ her letter on to Miss Estlin.
I suppose A. W. W is now on her way
to Italy. I hear very little ~~now~~ from
Miss Estlin of late. She has Mrs
Whitelegge staying with her, and some
times employs her as an amanuensis
but she hardly writes at all herself,
and is, I suppose, greatly engaged in some
way or other. I don't see Douglass
Paper, although (by Mr Estlins desire) we
send the Advocate to him. I loathe
him. His particular friends Julia
Griffiths and Maria Webb, who lately
sent an infamous letter for general
perusal to Joseph Sturge, who has sent
it round the country to damage the Am.
A. S. Society. She ~~[illegible]~~ details in it par-
ticulars affecting my family intended to
frighten people against the Garrisonians.
It conveys false impressions and displays
a great want of delicacy and I might
say humanity in the revelations she
makes of private conversations with
aged + weak relatives of hers and of mine. I mean
to send you the letter. I sent Miss Estlin
her copy. P. Pillsbury wh I hope to hear

to night, to pay his last visit to Ireland. He is to come from Lpool today — and will find the Bazaar box contents scattered to the four winds before he appears at our door about 11 tonight.

I have no wish that any thing should be done to bolster up the Advocate on your side the water. If we can't keep it up, let it go. Having lately undertaken a heavy job of printing I fear I will find it difficult to keep it going so smoothly as hitherto — but I will do my best. Will you thank E. Q. for his last pleasant & welcome letter — which I hope to answer before long

Now I must stop — for Lord Carlisle called with your letter & kept me talking — so I thank you for the interview & must immediately stop

Yours ever
R D Webb

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